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TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

EVALUATION see below

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25 October 1951

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1 sketch on ditto

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1. Between 7 and 11 a.m. on 21 September 1951, about 30 twin-engine aircraft covered with tarpaulins were parked in two rows in front of the hangars at Cottbus airfield. There was no flying although the weather was good. Work was being done on some planes. \*

2. From 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on 26 September, about 30 twin-engine planes covered with tarpaulins and parked in two lines were observed in front of the hangars. No flights were made. Truck [ ] was observed on the approach road. Source did not see any guards around the field. A fenced-in dump with an observation tower and several small wooden sheds with fire extinguishers was observed north of the installation. About 200 fuel drums each with a capacity of 350 to 500 liters were observed within the dump. \*\* The cement pipe previously seen being laid in the southwestern section of the field was no longer observed. \*\*\* About 10 workers were filling the bed of a brook.

3. On 27 September, enlargement work was being done on the fuel dump of the field along the Burger highway. Between 7:30 and 10 p.m., individual biplanes practiced night flying.

4. Between noon and 3 p.m. on 28 September, a total of 38 to 40 twin-engine aircraft were parked in two rows and four groups in front of the hangars at the field. Firing at sleeve targets was practiced by twin-engine planes over the area southeast of Cottbus at an altitude of about 500 meters. Two planes approached the sleeve target from the rear left and rear right respectively. There was no flying on 30 September.

5. On 3 October, 42 twin-engine aircraft were observed at the field.

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\* [ ] Comment. Cottbus airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with Pe-2s. No information has been received indicating a reequipping of the regiment by type-27 planes. The airfield is suitable for occupation and flying activity by such aircraft. For layout sketch of airfield, see Annex.

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Comment. The dump is known from previous reports. The capacity of the dump is not known.

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Comment. The cement pipe is a drainage pipe the laying of which was previously reported by the same source.

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